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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
PARAGUAY

IPF:(1992-1996) $ 5 185 000

(PAR/92/012) - Rehabilitation of Flood-Affected Areas

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	11 November 1992
Expected duration:	12 months
Proposed executing agency:	Government
Government implementing agency:	National Office for Management and Administration of Projects (ONCAP) (Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock)
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$ 6 285 000
Cost sharing (World Bank & Government):	$ 6 285 000
Total UNDP budget:	$ 6 285 000

Project background

Between April and July 1992, Paraguay suffered severe inundations, which forced 15,000 families out of their homes and caused major damages to the infrastructure. Communications, schools, hospitals and other services were disrupted in the flood regions; and the productive sector, mainly agriculture and livestock, suffered important losses. The Government of Paraguay has given maximum priority to this emergency situation, requesting the international community to focus its assistance on reducing the effects of the disaster. It is also significant that the rehabilitation requested is urgent and necessary given that meteorological projections indicate that floods of a worse intensity can be expected in May of 1994.

To this effect, a remnant of a former World Bank loan, amounting to (US)$5,700,000 has been specifically negotiated and assigned for disaster rehabilitation and infrastructure strengthening in the affected areas. In addition, the Government has decided to contribute (US)$ 800,000 (including support costs) from its own sources and requests that the occasion be used not only for rehabilitation but also for developing an improved and more transparent technical capacity as regards administrative modalities permitting swift project execution. It is this dimension that results in the Government seeking UNDP intervention in the project.

[1/] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

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Description of project

The immediate objective of the project is to assist in the improvement of livin conditions and the regional rehabilitation/reintegration of the flood affected region.

Project activities will include: (a) construction of potable water stand posts and the infrastructure; (b) rehabilitation of flood damage roads (200 kms); and (c) provision of medicines and vaccines to the population.

Inputs

UNDP will provide through the Government and the World Bank, consultancies for technical supervision, administration and some basic equipment to cover the engineering studies, design and supervision of the different project components with assistance being provided to all ministries involved in the actual preparation of the bids and their evaluation; subcontracts to cover the rehabilitation works such as flood control barriers and rehabilitation of roads; equipment for rehabilitation of flood-affected areas; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	440 000
Subcontract	5 210 000
Equipment	500 000
Miscellaneous	150 000
Total	6 285 000

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